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Dear Dr. Henney:

Fearing an increase in untreatable infectious diseases, the European Union has banned the use of all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics in livestock (if the antibiotics are also used by humans).

The United States must do the same. This is an urgent issue of public health, because more and more disease organisms are becoming resistant to antibiotics.

Sincerely,



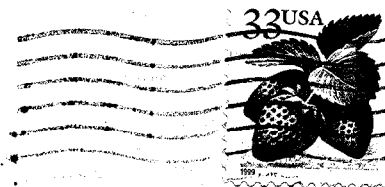
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